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Richland-Sargent Joint Water
Resource District Special Meeting
Sargent County Courthouse
Forman, North Dakota
November 19th, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

In attendance: Chairman Bruce Speich, Managers Todd Stein, Michael Wyum, Luke Siemieniewski and Roger Zetocha. Also in attendance were Wendy Willprecht Secretary/Treasurer; Nathan Trosen, Moore Engineering; landowner Richard Ruch. The following were also present virtually: Manager Arv Burvee, Attorneys Stephen Hilfer, Lukas Andrud, and Katie Schmidt, Ohnstad Twichell; Andrew Smith of Moore Engineering, and DW.

At 9:00 a.m. Manager Speich called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Manager Siemieniewski and seconded by Manager Stein to approve the September 17th, 2026 meeting minutes. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Moore Engineering-Construction staking	**$**	**1,651.25**
Ohnstad Twichell-correspondence/rd. crossings	**$**	**150.50**
Sargent County-3 culverts $1824/3 flap gates $2193.39		
Bobcat $1800/Dirt $800/Gravel $400	**$**	**7,017.39**
True North Steel-pipe $15,138/bands $652.80	**$**	**15,790.80**
JBX-Drain clean out	**$**	**63,240.00**

A motion was made by Manager Wyum and seconded by Manager Zetocha to pay the bills. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DRAIN CLEAN OUT/ADD FIELD INLET CULVERTS

JBX completed the drain project. The roadway that was affected during the project will be repaved next spring by the Sargent County Highway Department. Trosen suggested reaching out to the County Highway Department to let them know they should consider signage at this location. Manager Siemieniewski will contact Tim Faber at the Sargent County Highway Department to suggest the Highway Department consider signage.

PHASE III PROJECT:

Trosen reported that the ND State Water Commission still has funds left in their Conveyance project budget and indicated that if the Board still wishes to proceed with the Phase III project, the Board should request cost-share funds prior to the end of the biennium next July.

Next meeting will be as needed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Account balances as of September 30th, 2026: $**574,701.02**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Bruce Speich, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Wendy Schmiess Secretary-Treasurer